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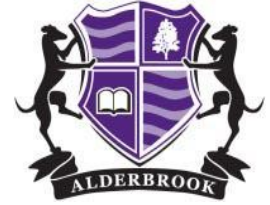
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Dear Parents and Carers

I need to inform you of further cases of COVID-19 within the school community. Below are details of the cases. We have asked the whole of Year 9 to work from home for the rest of this week following a further case on Monday; we hope this short break will stop any further transmission within the year group. We are monitoring all other year groups closely and communicating daily with the Public Health team. **Please can I remind the whole school community that all students should take a LFD test today and report any positive results to the dedicated email address below immediately.**

Cases

Case 1

A Year 7 student received a positive test result via a LFD test yesterday. The student was last in school on Monday 5 July and we have been advised to ask anyone who was a close contact on that day to isolate. **We are contacting separately anyone we know who was a close contact with the Year 7 student. If you are not contacted today, then your child can come back into school tomorrow, as long as they are not already isolating due to being a close contact to another case. All students isolating as close contacts must only return on the date stipulated in the close contact letter.**

Case 2

A Year 9 student received a positive test result via a LFD test on Monday evening. The student was last in school on Monday 5 July and we have asked the whole year group to work from home for the rest of the week. All close contacts have been informed.

We fully understand that having to isolate will be of great concern to students and parents, and we will work with these students to support them.

Reminders

It is important that we remember that we still need to be cautious and maintain our control measures. Your support with the following is essential:

- We are relying on parents / carers keeping children at home if they are displaying any symptoms at all.
- If students are tested, then it is important that they do not come back into school unless they have received a negative test.
- Students should be taking an LFD test twice each week (Sundays and Wednesdays) and results reported to the NHS and via School Screener.

- If any member of the community (staff or student) has tested positive, then that individual should not return to school until they have completed a 10-day isolation period. After this period, they can return to school as long as they are not showing symptoms. There is no need for a further test to be taken (unless advised by a medical professional).
- If you are notifying us of a confirmed case, please contact us using the dedicated email address
- Ensure that, unless they are exempt from wearing one, students bring clean face masks to school each day.

Symptoms

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

Whilst Solihull and National advice remains clear that these symptoms are the ones that would trigger isolation and booking a PCR test, you may also want to be mindful that headaches, runny noses and sore throats may also be symptoms of concern.

If your child or anyone in the household does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/> or by phoning 111.


Further Information

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Keeping our children and families, staff and local community safe is our priority. We will continue to follow government guidance and that of Public Health England and ensure that you are informed at each step of the way.

We realise that you may have questions about this situation and would ask you in the first instance, to direct these to office@alderbrook.solihull.sch.uk. Whilst we are unable to discuss any specific details with you, we will of course try and respond to any general questions you may have promptly.

Best wishes



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